**Expansion of Institutions of higher education**

3569. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's plans for expansion of institutions of higher education appear to have hit a road block;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of higher institutions which Government proposes to set up during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) whether adequate provision for faculty in these institutions have been earmarked; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) In the XI Plan, it has been proposed to set up 16 new Central Universities to cover the hitherto unserved States, 14 World Class Universities, 8 new Indian Institutes of Tecknology, 7 new India Institutes of Management, 10 New National Institutes of Tecnology, 5 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (out of which 3 have already been set up), 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology and 2 new Schools for Planning and Architecture. Besides, it is also proposed to set up 370 new degree colleges in educationally backward districts, having a Gross Enrolment Ratio less than national average. Government does not envisage any problem in meeting faculty requirements by the institutions.

**Scrapping the external cell of Delhi University**

3570. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University of Delhi is likely to scrap its external cell;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the students already enrolled with the external cell would change to another course/centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, there is a proposal of merger of Non Formal External Cell with the School of Open Learning.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.